DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Thanksgiving Holiday Safety

- 1. Thanksgiving marks the start of the winter holiday season and the winter safety challenges. This Thanksgiving, I ask that you do three things: remember in your thoughts and prayers the Soldiers deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism; share the blessings of Thanksgiving with the Soldiers and military families working and living in the Republic of Korea; and include safety and accident prevention into your holiday plans for you, your family, friends, and Soldiers.
- 2. Leaders of all ranks will ensure that "Under the Oak Tree" counseling is conducted down to the lowest level. 19th ESC Off-duty Risk Assessment forms will be completed by all Soldiers and their supervisors prior to being released for the holiday.
- 3. Icy and adverse road conditions can occur at any time from now through late March. Monitor road conditions before traveling and reduce speeds to accommodate road conditions. Many winter vehicle accidents are caused by vehicle deficiencies, e.g., worn tires, inoperative head/tail lights, worn windshield wipers and leaking exhaust systems. Unit Commanders must ensure that all POV owners conduct a safety inspection of their vehicles before the holiday season begins.
- 4. Leaders and sponsors must pay particular attention to the safety of newly arrived Soldiers. This may be their first long weekend in Korea and they will require special attention in areas such as understanding the Buddy System, the off-limits areas/establishments, and curfew hours.
- 5. Our Safety goal for this Thanksgiving holiday is zero serious injuries or accidents. Every Soldier is a key member of "TEAM 19!" and we can not afford to lose anybody from our Army Family. Enjoy the holiday weekend, think of our troops now stationed in East Asia, and take care of each other.

"Be Safe!"

Brigadier General, USA

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